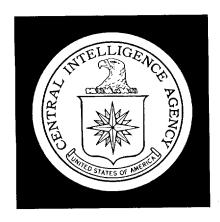
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Gromyko specifically ruled out any mention in a Soviet - West German treaty of four-power rights, and rejected any attempt to draw a direct connection between the German-Soviet talks and the four-power sessions on Berlin. The Soviets especially voiced strong opposition to any changes in the paragraph of the Bahr-Gromyko "basic principles" that relate to the issue of existing borders. These points were raised by Scheel in order to make the draft more acceptable to domestic critics.	
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